

REMARKS

Reconsideration is requested. Claims 28-72 remain pending.

In the action, claims 1-27 have been examined. However, claims 1-27 were canceled in the Preliminary Amendment filed on August 5, 2003, and replaced with claims 28-72.

In a telephone discussion between the undersigned and Examiner Neuder on April 14, 2004, the Examiner acknowledged receipt of the preliminary amendment and requested that this response be filed noting that the incorrect claims had been examined.

Withdrawal of the current office action and consideration of pending claims 28-72 is requested.

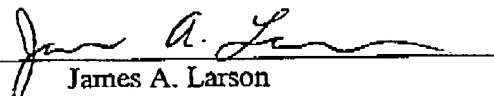
In Conclusion

Applicant believes that the pending claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested. If any further questions arise, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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